

Minute/Note of Meeting

TITLE : Urras Stòras an Rubha

DATE : 9 November 2015

TIME : 8.00 pm

VENUE : Point and Sandwich Power Office, Knock

Present: TR Clark; D Macritchie; CM Dunn; N Mackenzie A Campbell; E Chaplin; GK Macdonald; N Macleod; S Macleod; G Smith; Cllr Z Stewart; Cllr A Macleod

Apologies: D J Macsween

Item		Summary and Action	Who?	When?
1	Minute of meeting of 9 February 2015	The Minute of meeting of 14 September 2015 was approved, with one amendment: S Macleod's name to be removed from those present. Moved as correct by GK Macdonald and seconded by G Smith.	C Dunn	
2	Matters Arising	It was noted that the OSCR application had been sent to J Moffat, Mann Judd, for comment, and also that details on proposals for Aird would be required prior to submission.	C Dunn	December 31.
3	Aird School	<u>a)Potential Demolition</u> The following were noted from a meeting with CnES: • The one quote received by the Aird Steering Group from Duncan Mackay for demolition was close to the sum allocated by Insurers, and it had therefore been agreed that CnES would take the demolition forward. • The process of complying with all relevant legislation prior to demolition could mean that the work would probably not be undertaken before the beginning of the year. Both CNES and USAR are concerned about the possibility of high winds in January making it inadvisable to start a process which could potentially result in flying debris in a storm. • USAR will need to discuss with the contractor the retention of any items from the demolition, and will need to manage the disposal by seeking planning consent and SEPA consent. • The urgency of having the site cleared in time for next year's show and for a wedding in the hall was accepted. It was noted that the process of removing all non-fixed items had begun and that the aim was to complete the clearance by end-November. Two large containers purchased by Point Agricultural Society were being used for storage, and other items would be offered to interested groups and individuals. <u>Business Plan</u> It was noted that A Macdonald was looking at the technical side of a proposed building for the business plan and	Aird Steering Group	Immediate and ongoing

		that C Dunn was working on the text.		
4	Knock/Aros an Rubha	a) <u>Purchase of Building and Land</u> The completion on 14 September of the legal process to purchase Knock was welcomed. N Mackenzie had organised insurance cover for the building. The letter of comfort from CnES to the effect that they would not seek financial compensation from the tenant of the croft for the work previously done by CnES had been sent. b) <u>Stage 2 Application</u> C Dunn reported on a meeting with D Smith, TIG. • The stage 2 application form was nearing completion. • The application form will be sent to the BL adviser, Andrew Normansell, for comment prior to final submission. • The Business Plan, which forms part of all grant applications, had been shared with J Macintosh, who had given useful feedback. Most of the information required had now been included and D Smith, C Dunn and J Moffat are compiling the few remaining items. c) <u>Grant Applications</u> It was noted that the application to the CnES Capital Grant Fund had been submitted by the end-September Deadline and that the Western Isles Development Trust had given the go-ahead to submit an application. It was agreed that, as with the CCG fund, C Dunn would work with D Smith, Tighean Innse Gall, who would submit the WIDT application form on behalf of USAR. It was noted that the funding application process is very time-consuming. For the CnES application, there was a twofold process, both involving very detailed application forms. The BL form is also very demanding, and to ensure it is done properly takes time.	D Smith C Dunn C Dunn D Smith	End November Immediate Mid November
5	Financial Matters	N Mackenzie gave an update on the balances in the bank account. It was noted that the bookstall was continuing to bring in a steady income, and it was agreed that the successful raffle should be repeated with a raffle for a Christmas hamper. Z Stewart would co-ordinate the process. Donations for the hamper should be left in the shop. It was noted that a donation from the Ward Initiative Fund was a possibility.	ALL	Immediate
6	Lease for PST	C Dunn agreed to arrange for a lease to be drawn up for Point and Sandwich Trust.	C Dunn	Immediate
7	Date of next meeting	Monday 11 January 2016.	All	